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#### PATENT

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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK	Confirmation No.:	8586

#### AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, of which this reply is within the shortened three month statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.